

1 **Wilton Water Commission**
2 **Regular Monthly Meeting, Thursday, August 22, 2013 @ 6:30 PM**
3 **Town Hall Courtroom**
4 **~~DRAFT~~ MINUTES APPROVE 9/26/13**
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6 The Wilton Water Commission held its regular monthly meeting on August 22 in
7 the Town Hall Courtroom. Present were Commissioners Tom Schultz (Chairman) and
8 Frank Edelblut; Water Superintendent Mike Bergeron; Clerk Joanna K. Eckstrom; and
9 Dawn Tuomala, Jim Quinn and Dan Tinkham (Emery & Garrett Groundwater, Inc.).

10 **Mr. Schultz called meeting to order at 6:35. No input / comment offered.**

11 On a motion by Mr. Edelblut, seconded by Mr. Schultz, the **minutes of July 25th**
12 approved as written. (Commissioner Condra arrived at 6:40 after minutes approved.)

13 **Accounts Receivable - billing issues / abatements, YTD revenue** - Misters Schultz and
14 Edelblut signed quarterly billing commitment for water bills. There were no billing
15 issues or abatement requests this month.

16 **Accounts Payable and YTD expenditures** payables in voices had been signed prior to
17 meeting. There was no YTD expense report.

18 **Accounting Procedures, Asset Identification, etc** – Mr. Edelblut said this is an ongoing
19 process; he will be working with Mike Bergeron on Asset ‘tagging’.

20 Mr. Edelblut gave an update on a grant application through FEMA that he and
21 Mr. Bergeron are working on. The project to be funded is for a generator that would be
22 permanently placed at the pump house (rather than a rental generator). Initially, they
23 proposed a 50KW diesel machine but because you don’t want potential of diesel fuel
24 leaking near the water supply, they are looking at a 100KW propane machine. Estimated
25 cost is \$25000 - \$30000 – grant is 50/50. Application deadline is early September with
26 award notification expected in November.

27 Mr. Edelblut asked if Wilton has a NIMSCast plan? Mr. Condra thought yes and
28 that Dan Donovan, Tom Herlihy and Ray Dick should be contacted for more info.

29 In researching potential grant opportunities, Mr. Edelblut (and previous
30 commissioners) found that WWW doesn’t qualify for some DES grants. Ms. Eckstrom
31 said these are million dollar+ grants. WWW doesn’t qualify because Wilton’s per capita
32 income is higher than threshold. However, WWW can pursue reduced rate, low interest
33 loans and mortgages from DES.

Update Quinn reclamation plan and E&G report – Jim Quinn, Dawn Tuomala and Dan Tinkham present. At last meeting, because of difficulty understanding Dan Tinkham’s highly technical report, commissioners only granted approval for areas above 500 ft. mark at the wells in the Quinn gravel pit.

Dan explained that his company, Emery & Garrett, was hired by the Water Department several years ago to monitor water quality at the wells on Route 31 south, especially those that might be affected by the gravel operation at Quinn’s. The reclamation plan calls for a 10 ft buffer to be put over any disturbed areas. (The State recommends 6 feet minimum.) When asked about the variations of the buffer throughout the site (2ft – 4ft in some places for instance), Dan and Jim Quinn explained that these are at areas that have never been disturbed by the gravel operation so there is no need to put more buffer on those areas. The 10 ft is for disturbed areas only and affords more protection to the water supply than the State’s recommended buffer does.

Ms. Tuomala said that when the Water Commission approves the report, the next step is for the plans / drawings to go to Dennis Labombarde the engineer who reviews gravel operations and reclamations for the Wilton Planning Board.

Mr. Edelblut asked that Mr. Tinkham / Emery & Garrett have specific language in the report that ‘ensures’ that this plan protects the water supply. Dan said he would put this in writing, in the report, and will e-mail a draft .pdf of the revised report to the commissioners.

Mr. Schultz moved, Mr. Condra seconded to accept / approve the report subject to receipt of a letter or statement in a revised report (as above) which ‘ensures’ that this plan protects the water supply. Unanimous approval.

Dakota / Pine Valley Update - Dakota has presented a revision to the agreement it signed in January. Changes have been made to the engineering plans for the penstock and there is a new signer. Mr. Condra said that they are creating a ‘fake’ frost-line at the penstock. Such a change needs to have detailed drawings with the stamp of a NH licensed engineer before the commission accepts. Commissioners also were concerned that the revised agreement was with a new party. Mr. Schultz will communicate with Dakota to get drawings with engineer’s certification and the agreement needs to be with Dakota not an assignee before commissioners will approve.

Water Superintendent report - Mike Bergeron said he had completed lead and copper testing required by State and everything is in order.

Underwater Solutions completed cleaning and inspection of water tank. They were impressed that there was only about a 1/16th of an inch of silt at bottom of tank meaning that the water is very good. They were also pleased that Mike had mowed around the tank making it easier for them to get truck & diving equipment closer. Their written report will follow; commissioners will highly recommend the company to others.

Services at 97 Abbot Hill Rd and 70 Abbott Hill Acres were repaired with help of Brian Adams and a backhoe from highway department.

The water department 'bay' at the barn has been organized. Water, sewer and forestry equipment has been sorted and labeled.

Meters are all set as needed.

There is a call in to Miller to schedule repair of pump drive shaft that's vibrating; to be done in late October, early November once all 'reserve' equipment is in place.

Hydrants still need to be replaced. Maple and Prince and Label Art are priorities.

Re: ongoing issue about water department using / scheduling town equipment and vice versa, Mr. Condra will speak with Steve Elliott about this. If DPW doesn't want Water Department business, then department will go elsewhere.

Energy proposal tabled indefinitely.

Other business to come before the Board.

Mr. Condra reminded that he suggested revisiting rate increases in October.

First Budget Committee meeting is 9/26; Joe Torre is liaison.

Next meeting date: 4th Thursday of month, September 26th

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna K Eckstrom, Clerk